





Monday Morning, March 22, 1869.

WHILE we, lucky individuals, are enjoying the tranquility of a second Juan Fernandez in a climate without a parallel in the world; where beautiful scenery and productiveness are in such profusion as to be passed unnoticed; where the people and the journals, in the absolute absence of any real grievance, scold the Governor and the Legislative Councillors about questions that would be unworthy of consideration if we really had anything to grumble about. While we are living in a kind of elysium, all the nations of the old world are being agitated with subjects that must lead, sooner or later, to one of those great epochs in the world's history when the entire universe becomes a field of battle; and people, usually placable and ready to listen to the voice of reason in ordinary times, are wrought up to a frenzy of bloodthirstiness that if suggested to them in times of peace, would be stoutly set down as an impossibility. The great nations are regarding each other with the feline deceit of the tiger whose fiery eyes belie the apparent repose assumed by the recumbent position of the body. A close observer would note the quick, furtive glances cast by one towards the other, denoting the readiness for a spring whenever any momentary forgetfulness of existing danger induces one or the other to take a position in which it would be comparatively powerless for defense. It is more absurdity to think Russia, Prussia, Austria, France or Great Britain believe any of the reiterated professions of peace with which they regale one another from time to time; or the feigned reductions in their armies and navies, that they are constantly making, but which always result in an increase. Not one of these powers, in their pretended regardlessness of passing events, would occupy more than a few weeks in placing mighty armies in the field, fully equipped with all the latest and most improved weapons of destruction. Instead of, as formerly, hearing of some *chef d'œuvre* in painting or music, or some new discovery in useful science, we hear of a gun that has been manufactured in Russia that will fire a hundred shots in a minute; from Austria we hear of an improved needle gun that exerts all previous inventions of the kind in its death-dealing power. From France we learn that, in view of the new and terrible engines of destruction that are likely to be brought into use in future battle-fields, an entire change has been made in the drill for soldiers, and their movements for alacrity and combination would puzzle and astonish the greatest generals that ever witnessed an action. England, with all the smiling semblance of harmless innocence, is busily occupied in bringing her army up to a perfect state of efficiency, in which evolutions and accoutrements are undergoing an extraordinary change. Everything denotes the near approach of the great struggle for national supremacy and for national existence in many cases. How great would have been the advantages resulting from the convulsion of Europe, that would have accrued to the United States, had the policy pursued by the framers of the first Constitution of that great country been adopted at the present time; but fate seems to have ordered it otherwise; or at least they are tending to confirm the opinion expressed by great politicians in Europe, that Republicanism is impossible. That America will be drawn into the coming conflict, there cannot be the least doubt, and like a moth dazzled with the brilliancy of a lighted taper, the Republic will enter the flaming circle of war where it is destined to be destroyed. A military despotism will usurp the position of the free institutions, that made it the model Government held up by all liberal statesmen in the old world for imitation; and all this sad change will be brought about by a few restless politicians, who take the desperate chance of acquiring rank or for une, or both, during the confusion accompanying a great war. If the people of Canada are wise, they will press on their national consolidation, as it is quite possible that they may be the fortunate recipients of the great benefits from trade or productions supplied to the belligerents, always falling to the lot of some nation or people.

A SCOTCH LAIRD.—Alexander Cameron Campbell, the head of the clan of that name, died at Leamington on Tuesday night, at his residence, Markham-house, York-terrace, Perthshire, and on more than one occasion was honored with visits from the late Prince Consort and Her Majesty, at his seat at Monzie, during their highland sojourns. In Her Majesty's Journal Mr. Campbell is several times referred to, and it was with him that the Prince Consort made his first deer-stalking excursion. Mr. Campbell was a thorough sportsman, but has for some time been in failing health, and his death was not unexpected.—*London Times*, Jan. 14th.

## How a Foreigner may Live in London.

An American in London is by no means forced to deprive himself of the food of his own country. One may procure anything he desires in this metropolis, if he only knows where to apply for it. An Italian may live like the Italians, a German like the Germans, and an American like Americans, without quitting London. Buckwheat cakes may be ordered for breakfast at the hotel which Americans most frequent. Green corn, and even succotash—a mixture of corn and Lima beans—are to be purchased in cans. Salt mackerel is imported here. Hominis is not unknown in many English houses. Pumpkin pies are a rarity, but they do exist. In Paris a widow has made a fortune by keeping them at her restaurant. Mince pies are as common in England as plum-puddings in America. Bring with you a plain recipe, and English cooks will reward you with a pot-pie as appetizing as those of New Jersey. Bourbon whiskey is to be had for the seeking. A lager-bier saloon has been opened in the Strand, and ought to be patronized by Americans, who are almost as habitual bier drinkers as the Germans. Tomato and terrapin soups are for sale in London. American cheese may be seen at any cheesemonger's. In Covent garden you will be supplied with American apples. Everything that is good comes to London. As you travel upon the Continent you will learn that from every port the best articles are despatched to England and the worst to the United States, but that the Americans are invariably expected to pay the best prices. Whatever effect this may have upon your national vanity, it should at least teach you to prize life in London more dearly. No American can be long content with those stock-dishes of an English hotel, which seem to have been cooked together in the same pot or pan, nor with the monotonous variety of chops and steaks—steaks and chops, at the English restaurants; but then he can act upon the hint just given, and go afield to secure his native dainties in the shops. Or let him turn to at Verry's, that oasis in the culinary desert of England, and dine like a Parisian and better than most Parisians. Probably there are not a sufficient number of American sejoorners in London to support an American restaurant, although there are a dozen English chop-houses in New York; but certainly an American bar, like that called "The Cosmopolitan," at Paris, would be very successful, if well conducted. I know that there is said to be an American bar in Leicester-square, but that is not the suitable locality. In thoroughly English houses the very names of American beverages are quite unheard of; but if some daring genius, in a moment of inspiration and in summer, would only introduce the mint-julep to the British public, all England would rise up, drink his health in his own decoction, and immortalize his memory. Meanwhile, however, it is possible to get on very nicely with claret-cup. The etiquette of English houses differs very slightly from that of American houses. About fifteen years ago the American gentlemen began to adopt the English style of dressing, and since that time they have so adopted most of the English social customs.—*Tinsley's Magazine*.

## New Advertisements.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. JOHN VOGEL HOLDS BY POWER OF ATTORNEY during my absence from this Colony, WM. LOHSE.  
Victoria, 20th March, 1869.

**NOTICE.**  
In Re Wilson & Murray's Estate.  
ALL DEBTORS TO THIS ESTATE are requested to pay their Accounts to the undersigned, who is alone authorized to receipt for the same.  
By order of the Trade Assignees. J. G. MORRIS.  
Victoria, B. C., March 20, 1869.

## FOR VICTORIA, V. I.

**THE BARK CAMDEN.**  
Now loading at San Francisco, will positively sail on the 1st of April for this Port.  
For particulars apply to  
PICKETT & HARRISON,  
From St. San Francisco.  
MILLARD & BEEDY.  
ma22 Victoria Agents.

**DEDICATION OF St. Andrew's Church ON SABBATH, 4th APRIL.**

**IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO HAVE** the Services on the occasion as follows:  
Morning Service at 11 o'clock  
Afternoon " " 3 " "  
Evening " " 7 " "  
Attendance will be given in the Church on the evenings of Wednesday, the 24th, and Thursday, the 25th inst., to allocate and rent the Pews.  
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**MR. SEBRIGHT GREEN,**  
Broughton Street, VICTORIA.

**BEGS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE** following Price List of pure and dry Sherries, now for Sale by him in Bottle or Bulk.

**Ex "PRINCE OF WALES."**  
Amontillado Sherry, A very dry wine, per doz. \$15 00  
Oloroso Sherry, A delicious pure Sherry, per doz. \$14 00  
Golden Sherry, A fine flavored wine, per doz. \$13 00  
Manzanilla Sherry, A dry, exquisite pure wine, per doz. \$12 00  
Brown Sherry, A pure bodied wine, per doz. \$12 00  
Pale Sherry, P, A pure light wine, per doz. \$11 00  
Pale Sherry, N. Z. S., A dry and light wine, per doz. \$10 00  
Pale Sherry, S., A sound dinner wine, per doz. \$9 00  
The above wines are warranted pure and unadulterated, and have been selected in Spain expressly for the undersigned.  
SEBRIGHT GREEN,  
ma22 Broughton street, below Government.

## MATZOTH.

TO THE ISRAELITES OF VICTORIA.

## THE PASSOVER BREAD

Will be made under the Supervision of

Vice President Morris E. D. Spring

AND OTHERS.

## Store St. Cracker Bakery

Price 12 1-2 cents per pound.

## New Advertisements.

Fellows, Roscoe &amp; Co.

OFFER FOR SALE,

Ex "PRINCE OF WALES" "CECROPS" and other recent arrivals from England.

## IN AND OUT OF BOND.

Scotch Plows, and Turnip Cutters.  
62 cases Paper Hangings, ex "Cecrops."  
English Wrapping Paper.  
15 cases "Sanderson & Naylor's" Pick Steel.  
Sheet Iron, R. G. and common, assorted sizes.  
Tin Plate, Wire, Black Tin, &c.  
"Morton's" Pickles, 5 Candles, 150 cases 25lb.  
Matches, wood.  
Sardines in quarter and half tins, 50 cs.  
French Leather, Calf and Kip; a large assortment, sold in any quantities.  
Linsed Oil and Paints.  
Glassware, cut and pressed Bar Tumblers, Wines, &c.  
Thread, Shoe and Saddlers'; "Barbours" Twines, assorted colors and kinds.  
18 cases Zinc.  
Swedish Iron, Bar Iron, all sizes; Hoop, Etc., Etc.; Etc.  
A full assortment always on hand at the Store of English and American Hardware and other Staple Goods, Electro-Plated Ware, Cutlery, &c. ma20

## X 10 U 8 YOUR THIRST!

THE DEW-DROF INN,

[FORMERLY CARROLL'S.]

YATES ST., VICTORIA, V. I.

CHARLES MCHARDY,

The Pioneer Barkeeper,

HAVING RE-OPENED THIS POPULAR

Bar, invites all his friends to

EXTENUATE THEIR THIRST

With the Choicest Brands of

WINES, LIQUORS AND ALES

Which he will commence to dispense at

2 O'CLOCK, THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON

AT THE DEW-DROF INN "G3

MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.

## A LECTURE

WILL BE GIVEN ON

TUESDAY EVENING, 23d March, 1869,

BY THE

REV. MR. JENNS,

SUBJECT,

ELECTRICITY.

To commence at 8 o'clock.

ADMISSION—Members, Free; non-subscribers, Gentlemen, 50 cents; Ladies and Children, 25 cents. ma20

## Paper Hangings,

## Paper Hangings!

10,000 Rolls

Just Received per CECROPS, by the

undersigned,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

## WALL PAPERS,

English, French and American

Patterns,

Expressly Selected for him,

Comprising many

NEW AND CHOICE DESIGNS,

Which he offers by the Case or Roll at Ten Cents per

Roll and upwards.

E. HARRISON,

(Late John Banks &amp; Co.)

Dealer in Paints, Oils, Window Glass, Varnish, Gold Mouldings, &amp;c.,

ma19 1m YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

## VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE CORPS

will be held at the rooms of the Mechanics' Institute

at 8 o'clock on Monday evening next, 22d inst., for the

purpose of electing a Lieutenant and an Ensign, and

transacting other business of importance.

None but the members present who have signed the

roll, will be allowed to vote.

No nomination can take place after a quarter of an

hour past the hour of calling the meeting. (Signed)

E. G. ALTON,  
Chairman of last meeting.

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## Wedding &amp; Visiting Cards,

NEW STYLES OF TYPE,

Superior to Copper Plate.

AT ONE-THIRD THE PRICE!

AT THE COLONIST JOB OFFICE.

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## MURRAY'S BAKERY

Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.

## FAMILIES, SHIPS,

AND

## STEAMBOATS

Supplied on the Shortest Notice, Free

of Charge for Carriage ma17

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CIVIL

JUSTICE, V. I., IN BANKRUPTCY.

Thos. Mann and Malcolm Munro, Bankrupts

vs. AN UNNAMED BANKRUPT,

THOMAS MANN, will appear before His Honor

Chief Justice, on Wednesday, the 31st day of

March Inst., at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House,

James Bay, to file his first examination.

ROBERT BISHOP, Solicitor.

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Dated 17th March, 1869.

## Auction Sales.

Lumley Franklin,

AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION &amp;

REAL ESTATE AGENT

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street, nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express office. Having had eleven years' experience in the Auction business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public support. ma13

## AUCTION.

## REAL ESTATE SALE

Desirable Business and

other Property.

## LUMLEY FRANKLIN

Is instructed to sell by Public Auction

On Thursday, 25th March, 1869, at

his Salesroom, Yates street, at 12

o'clock noon.

Town Lot No. 737 Chatham street,

" " No. 738 adjoining.

—ALSO—

View street Property—House and Lot

on View street, No. 790, near Quadra

street, a desirable Homestead.

—ALSO—

Corner Lot No. 792, with a frontage of

120 feet on Quadra street and 60 feet on

View street.

—ALSO—

Business Property on Store street,

situate on the corner of Store and Discovery

streets, 60 by 80 feet, forming part

of Lots 507 and 508.

And other Property to be hereafter

announced.

Deeds at Buyer's expense.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN,

Auctioneer.

## Blankets! Blankets!

NOW LANDING EX "CECROPS," AND

for sale by the undersigned.

2 1-2 Point, White, Blue, Red and Green

3 Point, White Red and Green

ma16 FINDLAY &amp; DURHAM

## Crosse &amp; Blackwell's

## OILMEN'S STORES.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,

ex "Prince of Wales," in Bond or Duty paid.

Pickles, Salad Oil and Mustard

Table Salt, in round glass jars

Jams &amp; Jellies, and Marmalade

Lea &amp; Perrin's Worcester Sauce,

in pints and half pints.

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## Sandwich Island

## SUGAR, No. 1.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

in Bond or Duty Paid.

FINDLAY &amp; DURHAM.

## THOMAS RUSSELL,

## GROCER &amp; PROVISION

## DEALER.

GOVERNMENT STREET

Opp. the Colonial Hotel.

Goods delivered in any part of the City and Esquimalt

FREE OF CHARGE. ma17

## JOHN WEILER,

FORT STREET NEAR BROAD

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND AND MAKES

to order

Spring, Hair, Wool, Pulu

and Straw

MATTRESSES, LOUNGES, &amp;c.

ALSO ON HAND

Wall-Paper, Carpets, Mahogany and

Brass Window Poles, Win-

dow Blinds, &amp;c.

AND A VARIETY OF UPHOLSTERY GOODS.

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## THE SEED STORE,

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Springfield Nursery, - - - - -

James' Bay Nursery, - - - - -

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VICTORIA, V. I.

## JAY &amp; BALES

In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers,

have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand

THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF

Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds

Ever offered on this Coast.

Especially attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for the

first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.

A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples of

the above.

J. &amp; B. have on the way from Europe, overland, many Useful and Ornamental Novelties for amateur and professional Gardeners.

FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES, Garden and House Plants, Bulbs and other Nursery Stock securely packed for travel.

Catalogues at the Store and Nurseries, as usual.

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## New Advertisements.

Scotch House.

A. M'LEAN &amp; CO.

Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a

[LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF]

Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery,

GLOVES &amp; HATS of every Description.

—ALSO,—

BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.

All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap.

To Visitors from California, Oregon,

the Sound, &amp;c.

AT

## VICTORIA HOUSE,

CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,

VICTORIA, V. I.

[Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of]

Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &amp;c

At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles

The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.

The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:

White and Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &amp;c., &amp;c., also on

Hand in Great Variety.

fe27 Wm. DENNY, Manager.

## Victoria Nursery &amp; Seed Establishment.

## MITCHELL &amp; JOHNSTON

Offer for sale a full assortment of

## New Seeds for the Farm and Garden.

The bulk grown by themselves and harvested in prime condition.

The stock of Grasses, Clovers, Lucerne, Trefoil, Turnips, Rape, Mangolds,

Carrots, &amp;c., is the most complete, choice and extensive ever offered in this Colony.

Of Garden and Vegetable Seeds, the selection [including all the best kinds in

cultivation] is unrivalled, and of

## FLOWER SEEDS

Only the most beautiful kinds have been grown.

Just received per "Prince of Wales,"

Garden Ironmongery, Saynor's Cutlery, Iron Hand-Lights, Flower Pots, &amp;c.

Printed Catalogues to be had at the SEED STORE, Occidental Buildings, Fort

street, or at NURSERY GROUNDS, Fort street.

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## EXPRESS

For Kootenay, Perry Creek, and

intermediate Stations of Semikame-n. Karamais, Osoyoos

Lake, Rock Creek and Fort

Shepherd.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING MADE

arrangements with BARNARD'S EXPRESS for the

conveyance of matter over their route, their offices



# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Monday Morning, March 22, 1869.

## BIRTHS.

At Nanaimo, March 19th, the wife of M. Bate, Esq., of a daughter.  
At Yale, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. Chas. Evans, of a daughter.

## Auction Sale To-Day.

A. F. MAIN, Esq., Wharf Street, will sell at Sale-room, at 12 o'clock noon, a House and Land on Moresby Island, together with the Cattle, Pigs, Horses, Farming Implements, &c., &c.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE JOHN L. STEPHENS.**—The steamship John L. Stephens arrived from Nanaimo at 9 1/2 o'clock on Saturday morning, having on board about 400 tons of coal taken in at Nanaimo. She was hauled alongside of the wharf at Esquimalt to receive freight and passengers, and sailed about 5 o'clock, with about 60 passengers, only 21 of whom were residents of Victoria. Among the number were T. Lowe, B. Derham, J. A. McCrea and three sons, Mrs. Brodick and two children, Mrs. Jules David, Miss David, Mrs. C. W. Wallace, M. Wallace, J. J. Soutgate, Mrs. J. Copeland, Mr. Pocock, W. T. Welcker, W. Loshe, L. Lewis. The town of Esquimalt presented a busy appearance during the day, being crowded with vehicles from Victoria containing persons who had ridden down to bid adieu to departing friends.

**THE SISTER ROCKS.**—Much indignation has been expressed at Yale and elsewhere along the Lower Fraser toward the Government in consequence of its failure to commence operation upon two rocks—form their similarity known as the "Sisters,"—which four miles above the town of Hope rise up in mid-channel and render navigation at a high stage of water difficult and dangerous. During low water a considerable portion of one or both of these rocks might easily be blasted away, and the difficulties and dangers lessened; but notwithstanding profuse promises no steps have as yet been taken to carry out the wished-for object. The Yaleites are naturally much exercised over this neglect and fear that should the dangerous obstructions continue, the establishment of a new head of steam navigation below the Sisters will be the result.

**AN EXPLORING PARTY.**—The Government is at last awakening to the fact that much of our auriferous wealth must continue to lie dormant, unless some assistance is extended to our miners, who have all the courage, power of endurance, and enterprise necessary to explore new fields for future camps, but are not possessed of the means to purchase the necessary food and pack animals required for such an expedition. Through the intercession of a member of the Legislative Council, (Hon. Dr. Carroll) a sum of money has been granted towards the expense of fitting out an exploring party, and there is a strong probability that the discoveries resulting may be a great advantage to the Colony.

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.**—It is gratifying to learn that energetic steps are being taken to make the next Queen's Birthday (24th May) one of the most remarkable, if not the most remarkable, ever celebrated in this Colony. There are to be horse races, boat races, Velocipede races, amateur theatricals, balls, and we don't know what else besides. Would it not be well to arrange that some central committee should take the lead in order that nothing be left undone to make the fête attractive to our friends and neighbors on the Sound, who will come over to assist us in celebrating an anniversary that is universally popular?

The Yale Examiner announces the reopening of business. The season has been very mild and no obstacle intervenes to the transportation of goods into the mines. J. O. Beedy & Co's ten-mule team left Yale with freight for Soda Creek on the 8th inst. Two canoes, with intending settlers for Bonaparte Valley, had passed Yale.

The accounts of the agent for Messrs. Bright, Dixon, and Maitz in the late election show a total cost of £2,600. As usual, Mr. Bright was returned free of cost to him. The other two candidates contributed to the fund; and of the guarantee fund raised by the electors generally, only one-half has been called up.

**CAPTAIN CORNER P. COLYNS, C.B.**, has been making experiments at Portsmouth Dockyard with regard to the bottoms of iron ships and the disposition of their guns and armor. He states that his success has exceeded his anticipations.

The bark Cecrops has discharged her cargo with the exception of about 30 tons of cannon coal, which will be taken out in a day or two. The bark has been chartered to load lumber at Muir's Mills for a South American port.

Tugship Shooting Star, with 900 tons of coal on board, was towed out of Nanaimo harbor on Saturday morning by the steamer Emily Harris. The Emily Harris arrived here on Saturday with a load of coal for the H. B. Company.

**DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL.**—Henry Hottel, a native of Holland, died yesterday afternoon at the Royal Hospital of lung disease. He had been an inmate about six months.

A citizen in Portland has built an ark 50 feet long and 15 wide, after the Noah style. He has put all he was worth, \$6,000 into it, and is now calmly awaiting the deluge.

**FOR A CRUISE.**—H.M.S. Beaver, Commander Pender, is preparing for a surveying cruise along the West Coast of the Mainland,

We observe that the question of Reciprocity with Canada, is being more and more discussed in the United States press, and that while a good many journals endorse the recent elaborate efforts of Messrs. Hatch and Morrill, there are many influential voices on the other side. In Boston, and other New England towns, the feeling seems to be strongly in favor of a new treaty. A very significant indication of the direction public opinion in Maine is taking, was developed a few days since. In a contest for the United States Senatorship, Mr. Hamlin, ex-vice-President of the United States, was the successful candidate, but only after he had contradicted a charge that he was opposed to Reciprocity. The charge was by no means without foundation; but Mr. Hamlin met it by a declaration that he was in favor of a broad and liberal treaty. Three years ago candidates for office in the States would hardly have helped themselves by such declarations.

**VELOCIPEDES.**—Velocipedes are the rage here as well as elsewhere. Mr. S. L. Kelly has commenced the construction of an improved one which he thinks will "beat all creation." Yesterday, in a race over James Bay Bridge, Keyston—the irrepressible Augustus—rode across in 43 seconds, the quickest time on record by 7 seconds.

**FOR WHITE PINE.**—Among the passengers who left here on the John L. Stephens was a Hyddah Indian woman, who, with her white husband, is bound for the argenteiferous country of White Pine. She will be the first of her race in that locality.

**A GILMERE.** Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

The wires emitted a few fatal flashes on Saturday in the form of private messages; but no press dispatch came through. Yesterday morning the line went down.

**THE NEXT VESSEL.**—Millard & Beedy announce the bark Camden on the berth in San Francisco for this port, to sail on the first proximo, positively.

**FELL'S COFFEE** has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

**LORD RUTS** conversion is bearing fruit. Dr. Manning has already got a donation from him of £5,000 towards the Westminster Cathedral.

The British Columbia Cricket Club have sent an answer to San Francisco very properly declining to have their passages paid by public subscription.

**VICTORIA HOUSE.**—The varied and extensive assortment of dry goods comprised in the stock of Victoria House will be removed to the new premises on Government street to-day.

**ALL citizens** of the United States are now permitted to enter, travel, and sojourn in France, upon the simple declaration of their nationality.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.**—Mr. Main will sell at noon to day the farm, buildings, stock and implements of Elmes Harris, deceased.

**PALM SUNDAY.**—The churches were well attended yesterday and the services more than usually impressive.

The barkentine Free Trade is now out 12 days from San Francisco and is hourly looked for. She is full of goods for Victoria.

A small mail and express from Fraser river arrived on Saturday by the Enterprise. There was nothing later from Cariboo.

There are now but four patients at the Royal Hospital.

The French Blue-Book for 1868.

The Blue-Book was communicated to the Deputies on the 20th ult. In relation to Spain, the following announcement is made: France has witnessed without any disquietude about her general interests, the events which have occurred in Spain. Faithful to the principles by which her foreign policy is directed, as well as her traditional friendship for a noble nation, the Emperor's Government has observed from the very first the strictest neutrality in the events of which the Peninsula has been the theatre. If, mindful of the duty of watching over the security of our countrymen, we have sent ships to the principal ports of Spain for the purpose of protecting French interests, our agents at the same time received positive orders to abstain from any act that might be construed into an interference in the internal affairs of that country. All that remains for the Government to do is to express its wishes that Spain may successfully pass through this crisis, and that the government she will choose may secure for her the benefits of lasting tranquility.

It says the relations between France and the United States continue to be cordial; and the French Government has no hesitation in according the efforts of the Washington Cabinet in re-establishing peace between Spain and the Republics of the Pacific. As we mentioned last year, the American Government having again proposed its mediation between the belligerents we thought, as well as England, that the maintenance of our previous offers might become an embarrassment for the Cabinet to which we addressed ourselves first, and retard the arrangements which all the neutral powers desired. We lost no time in declaring that our propositions should not be an obstacle to the success of the American mediation, and desiring above all the re-establishment of peace, which became still more necessary after the calamities which occurred on the coast of the Pacific, we are disposed to support the measures, from whatever quarter they come, that appear most likely to attain that favorable result.

Relating to the army it has the following: The total general of the active army and the reserve is, therefore, 647,267. In adding the actual number of the young men of the Na-

tional Guard Mobile, which counts, after deducting the exemptions to 381,723, the whole amount of the forces is 1,028,980. The fact should be remarked in reference to these figures, that although the results of the new military organization as far as regards the effective available under various heads, will not be entirely realized before 1877, the War Department has already entered upon the system of the law of the 1st of January, 1868, in only retaining five contingents under the flag, and in applying to those who have served longest the benefit of being sent into the reserve, after having passed five years with the regiment.

The item of naval constructions is thus treated:

The fleet was composed, on the 31st December, 1868, of 430 vessels, of which 331 were steamers, with a total of 70,165 horse power. There are, besides, in course of completion, afloat, seven others of 3,710 horse power, and on the stocks, thirty-one more of 12,405 horse power, and one sailing transport. This total is divided into two distinct portions, the first including the vessels which form part of the new fleet, to be constituted in accordance with the programme in course of execution since 1857, and the second, comprised of the remains of the old navy, considered unfit to take place in the new, either directly or after transformation. The new naval force, the only one that constitutes the real maritime strength of the empire, counts as completed, 314 steamers and ten sailing vessels. A table shows:—1. Iron-clads to the number of 50 of various classes. 2. The unarmoured fighting ships, 96 screw steamers, 3. 91 small steamers, dispatch boats, tenders, etc. 4. Transports, 96 of various sizes; and finally the two training schools, one for gunners and the other for naval pupils. Of the old fleet there still remains 17 steamers and 29 sailing ships.

**Flowers Fade and Die.**

The rich fragrance of MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER is the perfume of nature's rarest flowers. The flowers fade and die, but their living breath—so to speak—is made perpetual in this exquisite floral water; for the handkerchief, the toilet and the bath. As there are worthless counterfeits, buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanman & Kemp, New York.

**Salt Rheum and all Scabious Eruptions**

are, to a perfect certainty, relieved and removed by the use of Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills. The cleansing, searching, detergent properties of the sarsaparilla neutralizes and separates the poisoned humours of the healthy blood, the Pills purge out and carry off the dangerous virus.

**FRED PAYNE** has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johnson street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

**Auction Sales**

**J. P. Davies & Co**

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Sale-room, Fireproof Store, Building, Wharf Street.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

On Tuesday next, March 23d,

**J. P. DAVIES & CO.**

WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST

**SPRING SALE**

Of Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Furnishing Goods, Hayward's Rubber Boots,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT.

**Furnishing Goods**

40 doz. Eagle, Atkinson and Star white Shirts, 60 doz. Baltic, Serge, French Cass, Beaver, Blue, Grey and Cloth Over Shirts, Blue, Brown and Shaker Socks, Kersey Drawers and Knitted Jackets, Boys ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Black leather Bags, Braces, Paper Collars, Blue Mixed and White ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Scarlet Shirts and Drawers, Extra quality Buck Gloves and Mittens,

**Dry Goods & Hosiery**

Brooks' Thread, Ladies' Cloth Cloaks, Silk Mantillas, Ladies' Fine Hose, Hose suitable for Indian Trade, Misses and Childrens' Hose, 30 doz Hoop Skirts, 40 Point white Blankets.

**Men & Boys' Clothing**

**PANTS**—French and English Cass, Beavers, Cal Tweed, Doeskin, Satinette, Heavy Mining

**COATS**—Cloth and Beaver Frocks, Business and Sac Coats in great variety.

**SUITS**—Beaver, Cloth, Diagonal, Cass, Harrison Mixture, &c.

Boys' Brown, Grey and Drab Suits and Coats.

**Boots Shoes & Brogans**

29 cases Heywood's long-legged Indianrubber Mining Boots, in or out of Bond, Slippers, Cavalry, Dress, Mining and nailed Boots, Men's and Boys' sewed and Pegged Brogans.

**Hats and Caps**

75 doz Men's and Boys' Hats, all colors, shapes and makes, 15 doz assorted Caps.

**TERMS**—All sums under \$250, Cash; over \$250 and under \$500, 30 days; over \$500, 60 days; on approved endorsed notes. 1 per cent off for Cash.

**J. P. DAVIES,**

Auctioneer,

**Auction Sales.**

**AUCTION.**

**LAND AT ESQUIMALT**

**FOR SALE.**

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice,

V. I., in Bankruptcy.

In Re A. D. McDonald, a Bankrupt.

**J. P. DAVIES & CO.** will sell by

Public Auction, at their Sale-room,

Wharf Street, on

**WEDNESDAY.**

24th March inst., at 12 o'clock noon,

By order of the Trade Assignee in the

above Estate.

All that Tract of Land part of Section 19, situate at the entrance of the Town of Esquimalt, and extending from Esquimalt Harbor, on the North to the Straits on the South, containing 6 Acres of Land or thereabouts, with Water Frontage on both the Harbor and Straits.

A Plan of the Property, also conditions of Sale, can be seen at our Office, or at the Office of MR. ROBERT BISHOP, Bastion Street, Solicitor to the Estate.

Acts of Sale at Buyer's expense.

**J. P. DAVIES,**

ma10 Auctioneer.

**ADMIRALTY SALE.**

**J. P. DAVIES & CO.** have received instructions from Admiral the Hon. G. F. Hastings to sell by Public Auction at the Navy Yard, Esquimalt, Thursday, 25th March, at 11 o'clock, the following condemned Stores:

101 Iron Casks, 0-2-4 Tiller Hides Rope, 10 tons 1 cwt 3 qrs 3 lbs cordage paper stuff, Old China, 6 cwt 3 qrs 19lb Cast Iron, 18cwt 2 qrs 9lbs Wrought Iron, 20cwt 3 qrs 24lbs Rags, Paper stuff, Old Glass, 14cwt 2 qrs 15lbs Rags painted stuff, 1594lbs Old Steel, 2 qrs 214lbs Indianrubber, vulcanized.

**VICTUALLING.**—Biscuit, Biscuit dust, Bags, Cook's Fat, old Iron Hoops Wood Cases.

**ALSO**—Unserviceable Clothing, 16 Beds, 87 Blankets, 47 Bed Covers, Wrappers, &c., &c.

**J. P. DAVIES,**

ma19 Auctioneer.

**AUCTION**

**J. P. DAVIES & CO.**

Have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, by order and for account of the Mortgagee, on the premises lately occupied by Mrs. Jules David, Pandora street, adjoining the Synagogue,

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**

**AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,**

The following well-kept modern

**FURNITURE:**

Handsome Parlor Set Furniture, Carpets, Astral Lamps,

A Superior record overstrung

**Kirkman's Cottage Piano**

in Walnut Case,

Centre and Side Tables, Lounges, Sofas, Chairs, Sideboards, Extension Tables, Rocking Chairs, Brussels Carpets, Curtains, Table Covers, Blinds, Looking Glasses, Coal Oil Lamps, Knives and Forks, Waiters, Glassware, China Tea Sets, Silverware, Steel Engravings, Hat Rack, Oilcloth, Stair Carpet and Rode.

**100 Volumes Reading**

**Matter,**

Handsome Walnut Wardrobe, Bedstead,

Bureau, Marble-top Washstand and Tables, China Chamber Sets, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Bedding, painted Chamber Set, Bed and Bedding, and the usual

**Kitchen Furniture.**

**ALSO**—1 No. 20 Plough, Whipple-trees, Harrow, 1 Brewer's Dray, 1 stand Cart, 1 dump Cart, reaping and other Seythes, lot of Garden Tools, lot cart harness and Plough, 2 Chaff Cutters, 1 50-gallon Boiler, a fine Durham Cow, 12 fat Geese, &c., &c. Terms Cash.

**J. P. DAVIES,**

ma22 Auctioneer.

**THE MAIL.**

A Paper containing the news, the principal leaders, a well-digested summary, and all interesting matter from The Times, and is thus rendered available, in a cheap form, for persons residing abroad or in the colonies. The days of publication will be Tuesdays and Fridays, in the afternoon, and the price is 6d. per copy, or 6d. a week post free.

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**Auction Sales.**

**A. F. Main,**

AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. Sale-room, Brick Store, Wharf Street, in city occupied by P. M. Backus

Advances made on Consignments.

**AUCTION**

**THIS DAY**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.**

To be sold by AUCTION by A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer, at his Auction Rooms, Wharf street, on Monday, 22d day of March inst., at 12 o'clock noon, by order of the Official Administrator:

A House and improvements, consisting of Fencing, Cattle Corals, Piggeries, &c., on a pre-emption claim on MORESBY ISLAND, as the same were held by ELMES HARRIS, deceased, together with all the right of the Official Administrator to the pre-emption claim. Also 18 Head of Cattle, more or less, including 1 Yoke of Work Cattle, 12 Pigs, 1 Plough, 1 Harrow, Picks, Spades, Shovels, Forks, Axe, and other Tools and Implements. Particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer, and of W. S. Sobright Green, Solicitor, Broughton Street.

Mr. Lyman A. Cutler will show the Stock and premises, on Moresby Island, up to the date of Sale.

**ALSO**

Subdivisions Nos. 45 and 46 of Section 44 Victoria District, Cadboro Bay, containing 10 37-100 Acres.

Acts of Sale at Purchaser's expense.

**A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer.**

ma16 Victoria, V. I., 1st March, 1869.

**AUCTION**

IN THE VICE ADMIRALTY COURT.

**A. F. MAIN** will sell by Auction on

Tuesday, March 23d, 1869, on board

at Messrs. Sproat & Co's wharf, at

**12 O'CLOCK, NOON,**

By Order of His Honor Joseph Needham

**The Brig Byzantium**

**OF LIVERPOOL,**

**250 Tons, A 1 at Lloyd's**

As she now lies at Sproat & Co's

Wharf, Spars and Rigging in first rate

Condition, together with the following

Tackle, &c.:

1 Suit Sails, complete  
1 Spare do  
2 Boats and Sailing gear  
2 Bower Anchors  
1 Stream do  
1 Kedge do  
200 Fathom 1 inch Chain Cable  
1 Hawser, 7 inch  
1 do 5 inch  
Lot of Spars, Blocks, &c.  
2 IRON TANKS, 600 Gallons each  
2 Pumps complete, 5 Pouchons  
2 Harness Casks  
1 Compass  
1 Tell-tale do  
1 Spare do  
Sundry Pumps, Crockery, &c., &c.

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**AUCTION**

**A. F. MAIN**

Will sell by Public Auction at his Sale-

room, Wharf street, on Wednesday,

24th March, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon.

**THE FARM**

**AT SAANICH**

Lately occupied by Mr George Thomas,

being Section 17, Range III W, con-

taining about 57 Acres, more or less.

On the Premises are an excellent Dwelling House, a Capacious Barn, good Stabling and Well of Water, Piggeries and Out-houses

There is also a large Garden well stocked with the best kinds of Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry Trees, all in full bearing. From 14 to 46 Acres of the finest kind of Land are Fenced and under cultivation.

The Property fronts on the Saanich Inlet, on a Bay in which schooners can approach close to the shore and take in cargo.

**—ALSO—**

Town Lot No 1163, corner Vancouver

and Meares streets.

Acts of Sale at Purchaser's expense.

**A. F. MAIN,**

ma17 Auctioneer.

**Auction Sales.**

**AUCTION.**

**A. F. MAIN**

Is instructed by Capt Stamp to sell by

Auction on

**THURSDAY, 25th MARCH, AT 11 A. M.**

At his residence on Park street, all

his well-kept

**Household Furniture,**

Consisting in part of the following:



